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AT A GLANCE

ALS graduation

The Airman Leadership School Class 99G graduation is set for today at 2:30 p.m. at the McClellan Community Center. Duty uniform is appropriate.

All ranks dining out

The 1999 McClellan Air Force Base all ranks Dining Out is set for Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

Active duty and retired military members and their guests are invited for a special night out.

Ticket sales begin today. Contact your first sergeant for tickets and more information.

The special guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, Space and Missile Systems Center, commander, Los Angeles Air Force Base. Ticket cost is \$5 for E-5 and below and \$16 for E-6 and above.

Veteran's Day ceremony Nov. 11

Once again, the Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapters 1322 and A1322 will host a Veteran's Day Ceremony Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., in front of the McClellan Community Center.

This year, the guest speaker will be Col. Mike Iltis, 77th Support Group commander.

The colonel's father was a POW in WW II, so Veteran's Day is a significant day for the Iltis family and he will share his insights on it's importance.

Please don't treat this day as a day off from duty or work. Remember those service members who gave their lives for the freedom we now enjoy, the Veterans who served their country with honor and distinction, and those presently serving in the military, both at home and in many places around the world.

All are encouraged to attend. The ceremony will not last more than 30 minutes.

Following the ceremony, the local AFSA Chapters will provide coffee and donuts in the Community Center. For more information, call retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses at 643-4011.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Meals on wheels

The mobile food truck is available for brunch every weekend from 8 to 11 a.m. at the SAFE Federal Credit Union parking lot. The truck offers a wide variety of food items, from french toast, eggs and bacon to hot and cold sub sandwiches.

Two local NCOs selected for OTS

By Robin Jackson
Spacemaker Editor

Two McClellan Air Force Base noncommissioned officers were recently selected to attend officer training school.

Staff Sgt. Natalie Takacs-Duffield, 77th Medical Group, and Staff Sgt. Richell Martinez, 652d Combat Logistics Support Squadron, were both recently notified of their selection to OTS after working closely with the education center to prepare their packages for acceptance.

"Selection to OTS has been the most exciting moment in my Air Force career," said Takacs-Duffield. "I was able to call my parents and all they could repeat was 'Praise the Lord.' I am ecstatic, to say the least, about my selection."

"My application would have never been possible without the diligent efforts of the Education Department," Takacs-Duffield said. "Bob Hartin, James Cannon, Ray Ramsey, Elizabeth Corey and Loretta Dillion have been integral in the entire application process from start to finish. They ensure that all documents are complete and the packages meet all requirements and standards before forwarding to headquarters for any selection board." According to Takacs-Duffield, the education office personally assisted her in completing four application packages for three separate commissioning programs with an outstanding selection rate.

Takacs-Duffield entered the Air Force in 1993 with a bachelor of science in Sports Medicine, and since then has received an associate of arts in Health Services management, and certifications in Massage Therapy, Lifestyle Counseling, and Physical Fitness Specialist.

"I believe persistence is the key to opening all the

doors of opportunity out there and I have lived that philosophy as a proud enlisted member of the Air Force for six years," said Takacs-Duffield. "The support I've received from the 77th Medical Group, my peers, and supervisors have been outstanding. They have prepared me well for the new challenges ahead."

Martinez had a slightly different reaction.

"Needless to say, my reaction to the news was one of relief, 'I wasn't in trouble,'" Martinez said.

With a bachelor's degree in Applied Physics, Martinez could have written his own ticket for success, however he truly desires to serve his country and would like to apply his degree to aerospace research and technologies.

"With a commission, there are greater opportunities for me to contribute to the Air Force mission than I do now," said Martinez.

Martinez is currently an aircraft structural maintenance specialist. Since being assigned here he was selected for Senior Airman Below-the-Zone, which led to him being promoted to staff sergeant within three years of Total Active Federal Military Service. He also received the Academic Achievement Award in Airman Leadership School and was recognized as Outstanding Performer of the Month and Quarter on numerous occasions throughout his career.

"The support I received from my squadron was outstanding, everyone wanted to help," Martinez said. "I would like to thank my commander, supervisors and the education counselor, James Cannon and his team of professionals for assisting me in reaching my goal."

"We are proud of each individual's accomplishment and send our best wishes for their continuing success as they move on to new levels of leadership and increasing responsibilities," said Bob Hartin, education services.

Action Line

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER KUDOS

Q I would like to publicly express my sincere appreciation for the excellent Child Development Center we have at McClellan. I would like to thank the staff and the teachers for making the short time my granddaughter was in their care such an enjoyable learning experience. The staff would greet us personally by name each and every morning as if we were a big family. Even the teachers and helpers we did not know by name were all so very friendly. Ms. Margaret and Ms. Miyoko in Room 19 have both been positive role models in my granddaughter's life. She has learned so many new qualities; like the ability to share with others, taking turns, clean-up responsibilities, in addition to graduating from diapers. I am relocating to Hill Air Force Base and already have her signed up for their Child Development Center in hopes it won't be much different than ours. I want to again thank everyone at the center and only wish we could have stayed longer.

A It was a great pleasure and delight reading your appreciation message. Many compliments were given to Ms. Miyoko and Ms. Margaret as well as all of our daycare providers for their outstanding work. We will continue to provide 100-percent quality care to children by maintaining a healthy, safe, warm and nurturing environment in which your children can grow, explore, learn and develop a positive self-image and self-worth.

PREPARATION IS INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY

Q I read the question in the Sept. 16 *Spacemaker* pertaining to people stepping aside at Sacramento Employment and Training Agency for those with Reduction In Forces Notices. It really is frustrating; these people have been told for how many years now that they will be a part of the RIF, but they wait until the last minute to sign up for SETA, to see a counselor and start taking classes. Then they expect people who have already taken the initiative to plan ahead and prepare themselves for the other side of the gate, to step aside. They are now in a desperate rush to get into SETA. I have talked to them throughout the workforce. "Have you been to

SETA? They say, "NO, I am going to wait until I go out the gate" or another one is "No, I am going to wait until I get my RIF letter". Why should the people who have taken the time to plan ahead and initiate the proper steps, have to step aside?

A You are right that employees have been encouraged continuously to plan ahead and prepare for "life after McClellan". However, as human nature tends to dictate, some people procrastinate. Often times, there are valid reasons for doing so. For example, some employees do not wish to enroll in classes until they are separated so they may concentrate their full efforts on their studies versus juggling their studies while continuing to work. Other employees have not been able to enroll due to lengthy temporary duty com-

mitments. And, yet other employees were interested in courses offered only during duty hours, but were unable to be released from work due to mission requirements.

Regardless of whether the reason for delayed enrollment was due to mission requirements or mere procrastination, employees under separation have a higher priority right to services ahead of employees not currently under specific notice of separation. I'm sure anyone under similar circumstances would expect the same consideration. These procedures were developed by management and the unions and SETA.

We appreciate your concern and hope others may take appropriate steps to access SETA services as soon as possible to preclude similar circumstances occurring in the future. Although we can strongly encourage this practice, we cannot force it.



Col. Charlie Cotter
77th Air Base Wing commander

Hi. I'm Col. Charlie Cotter and I am thrilled to have the honor of commanding the 77th ABW. I value the opportunity to serve you, members of the McClellan community. The Action Line is your direct link to focus my attention on something you feel I should know. It may be used to highlight an area where you have received exceptional service. The Action Line is also your means to tell me about a challenge or issue that you have not been able to resolve. Certainly, it is

best to first try to resolve the issue with the responsible agency, since ultimately that is where the issue will get fixed. Another means to address a problem is through your chain of command. But, if neither of these approaches resolves the issue to your satisfaction, let me know in your Action Line call what the challenge is and how you think it could be resolved to your satisfaction. I look forward to serving all members of the McClellan community.

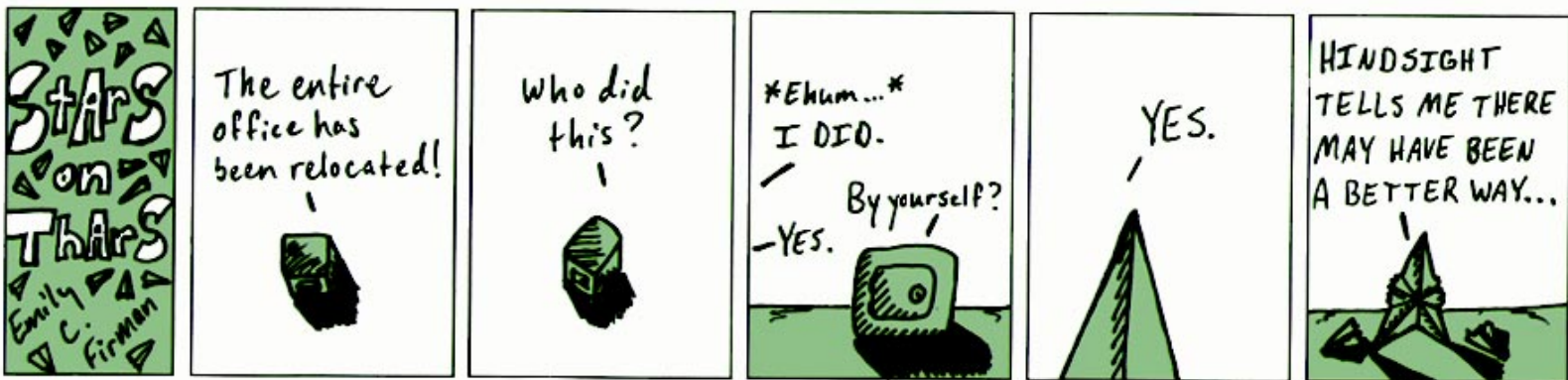
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Chief of staff comments, “we owned the sky”

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — NATO and the United States completed a victorious air campaign in Yugoslavia. As in Desert Storm almost a decade earlier, the conditions for victory were set because we owned the sky — we had air superiority.

Air superiority is not just control of an enemy’s aircraft; it is domination of all an enemy’s air capabilities — command and control, communications, radar, surface-to-air missiles, airfields, munitions and infrastructure.

Air superiority is the state of military air affairs that provides freedom from attack and freedom to attack, not just for air forces, but for land and naval forces as well.

In Desert Storm, the conditions were set by air superiority for land forces to succeed in fewer than 100 hours. In Kosovo, conditions were set for victory without having to use land forces in battle. Not since early World War II have American fighting forces been subjected to intense aerial attack. In the early 1970s, we began producing the F-15 aircraft to ensure air superiority for all our

forces. That was more than a quarter of a century ago, and the F-15 is wearing out — both physically and technologically.

Plus, there are aircraft being produced today that match or exceed the F-15’s capability. And they are for sale worldwide to potential adversaries. In the recent Balkan conflict, we lost two aircraft to 1970s’ generation surface-to-air missiles. One of the aircraft lost was an F-117 — our first generation of stealth aircraft.

Additionally, a whole new generation of surface-to-air missiles is for sale worldwide. These weapons pose a serious threat to all of our current conventional aircraft. The one aircraft capable of dealing with these serious challenges to future air superiority is the F-22 Raptor. The F-22 employs the latest stealth technology and can cruise at supersonic speed and attack critical ground targets and aircraft deep in dangerous territory. Neither a retread F-15 nor the economy-class Joint Strike Fighter are sufficient to that task.

That’s why the Air Force has diligently designed and tested this aircraft. In fact, when compared to the F-15, F-16 and F-18, the F-22

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Gen. Michael E. Ryan

has already completed more flight-test time than any of the other three aircraft at their production decision points. The F-22 has spent almost twice as long in development as the F-18, and three times as long as the F-15, giving us valuable time to properly design the aircraft. This careful planning and execution has paid off; the F-22 has passed its tests with flying colors and is ready for production.

That’s why it was such a surprise when the House Appropriations subcommittee summarily removed production funding for the F-22. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has called the F-22 “the

cornerstone of our nation’s air power in the 21st century.”

In our nation’s conflicts, we will be asked to lead the fight into the heart of the enemy’s air defenses, to ensure air superiority for our soldiers, sailors, Marines and Air Force personnel. We will be asked to own the sky; we should not ask our aviators to do it with anything but first-rate equipment. That’s the F-22 Raptor.

(Editor’s note: The above commentary first appeared (with a different headline) in the Los Angeles Times Oct. 1. Reprinted with permission of the Los Angeles Times.)

Some say military just obey orders; don’t think



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From Your Inspector General

Col. Michael F. Turner
Inspector General

In a recent commentary I read, the author stated “a soldier doesn’t think”.

He further states the job of a soldier is to follow orders and kill the enemy without thinking. In my opinion, nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, as military members, we obey orders and may have to destroy or take a life, but we will fail if we don’t learn to think critically in normal times and quickly in times of crisis.

As a young captain, I worked for a year in an education with industry assignment at IBM Corporation. I was most impressed with the motto of IBM: “Think!”

It is very simple, yet so often individuals want to get through a job without thinking. Much of IBM’s success through the years can be attributed to the creative efforts of its employees.

Unless we think a project through from the planning to the execution phase, we could be bound for failure or at least a serious mess-up.

I was very impressed with a general I worked for who often faced a tough problem by saying, “I need to think on that one”. He put the gray matter in his skull to work and came up with solutions that worked.

In warrior situations, thinking is even more

important. Whether you study the Civil War the World Wars, the strategies and thinking done by those armies was a key role in the conflict outcome.

Individuals must think through every situation. A soldier must ask, “What am I shooting at? Could it be friend or foe? What evidence do I have that I am doing the right thing? Does my action follow a legal order or violate international law?”

War is not automatic; warriors should not shoot or obey without thinking or verifying what is happening.

The Air Force has recently issued all military members of the U.S. Air Force a new *Airman’s Manual*. The manual looks like a Boy Scout field manual. It describes how as a warrior, an airman should deploy, set up, fight and survive. The introduction to the manual quotes Jimmy

Doolittle, “If we should have to fight, we should be prepared to do so from the neck up instead of from the neck down.”

The manual gives a deploying airman plenty to think about in order to survive.

Some Air Force members think the Air Force has the upper hand when it comes to intelligence and thinking on the job. But even the Army is developing a new training program called, “Think like a Commander.”

The program will teach commanders how to make wartime plans and decisions and predict the enemy’s next move.

Each of us, whether military or civilian, would benefit from a little extra effort to think a little harder.

While we’re at it, it wouldn’t hurt to emphasize the positive over the negative. Such thinking will serve us well.



Getting the word out ...

Articles capture closure procedures; final dates

By Brig. Gen. Mike Wiedemer
Commander, SM-ALC

As we continue the closure and divestiture process at McClellan and each base organization closes or moves, the services you receive will be changing in a variety of ways.

We need to ensure you know what changes to expect so you can make your plans accordingly.

All of you, the readers of the *Spacemaker*, are in some way "customers" of McClellan Air Force Base. Whether you use the services of the BX and Commissary; rely on the Military Personnel Flight; seek information from the Civilian Person-

nel Office; or simply greet a security guard at the gate each morning on your way to work, in some way our services affect your lives.

In order to get you the information you need in a timely and logical way, we are beginning a base-wide communication effort.

Part of that plan involves weekly articles and informational graphics in the *Spacemaker* detailing which services are ending and when, as well as identifying which services will remain and what options are available.

Each base organization will provide articles designed to inform you of what to expect from them in the future. We will run these every week

as well as a closure timeline graphic provided by the closure office.

It is our hope these efforts will allow you the advance knowledge necessary to make your plans and will help us all move through this process more smoothly.

So, stay tuned to the *Spacemaker* each week and hopefully all of your questions will be answered! We're working hard to make sure your needs are met.

This effort will be one more example of how Team McClellan leads the way in finding innovative ways to take care of our people as we close with professionalism and honor.

Closure transition step by step through FY01

By Terry McGrew
Closure and Transition IPT

McClellan personnel, local area retirees and community residents are familiar with the phrase "base closure" by now. After all, the announcement was made in July 1995.

What about "divestiture" and "transition"?

Divestiture involves stopping or relocating tasks that are no longer relevant for a closing base or for which there are inadequate resources to do them until closure. Transition includes the activity of moving ongoing workload missions to another gaining location.

Of course, closure is all the activities required to disestablish an organization. And do all these activities relate? Yes, these terms and how they impact the McClellan community will be the subject of future articles written by the commanders and directors of the major SM-ALC organizations.

All of us can then have a better

understanding of how we will be affected for the next two years.

As McClellan military, civilians, contractors and tenants move down the one-way street to the base closure date of July 13, 2001, there are several significant milestones along the way.

First, and already completed, is the fiscal year '99 reduction in force which was effective Sept. 30, 1999. The civilians who were impacted by this RIF action have departed the base or moved to their new jobs resulting from bump and retreat actions. Then, we make it through this tough experience just to come upon the fiscal year 2000 RIF, which will be effective Oct. 6, 2000. We have no idea which civilians will be involved next time, but the percentage of civilians affected will be far greater than fiscal year '99.

The next milestone is called the Mission Completion Date (M-Day) which is Oct. 1, 2000. This date is so named because all SM-ALC organizations must complete or have

transferred their mission off McClellan Air Force Base.

For example, the ground communications workload is going to Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania and is scheduled to be completely moved off McClellan by Oct. 1, 2000. Also, all program management offices will be moved to the gaining locations by Oct. 1, 2000. After M-Day, the only mission is closure.

Moving down the road, the next milestone happens March 1, 2001, called the Functional Out Date (F-Day). This date is when all the staff organizations should be "closed for business". There will be virtually no SM-ALC organizations doing "business-as usual" after F-Day. There may still be a few people in what *used to be* those organizations, but they will move into final closure mode: turning in whatever furniture, equipment, supplies and materiel are still in their facility and, finally, turning in the facility.

The next milestone will impact all

civilians still on the base employed by SM-ALC: fiscal 2001 RIF, effective April 14, 2001. Most of those people will actually leave the base on that date, while a very few may stay to complete final closure activities until July 13, 2001; however, it is likely that most people still here as SM-ALC employees after April 14, 2001 will be military.

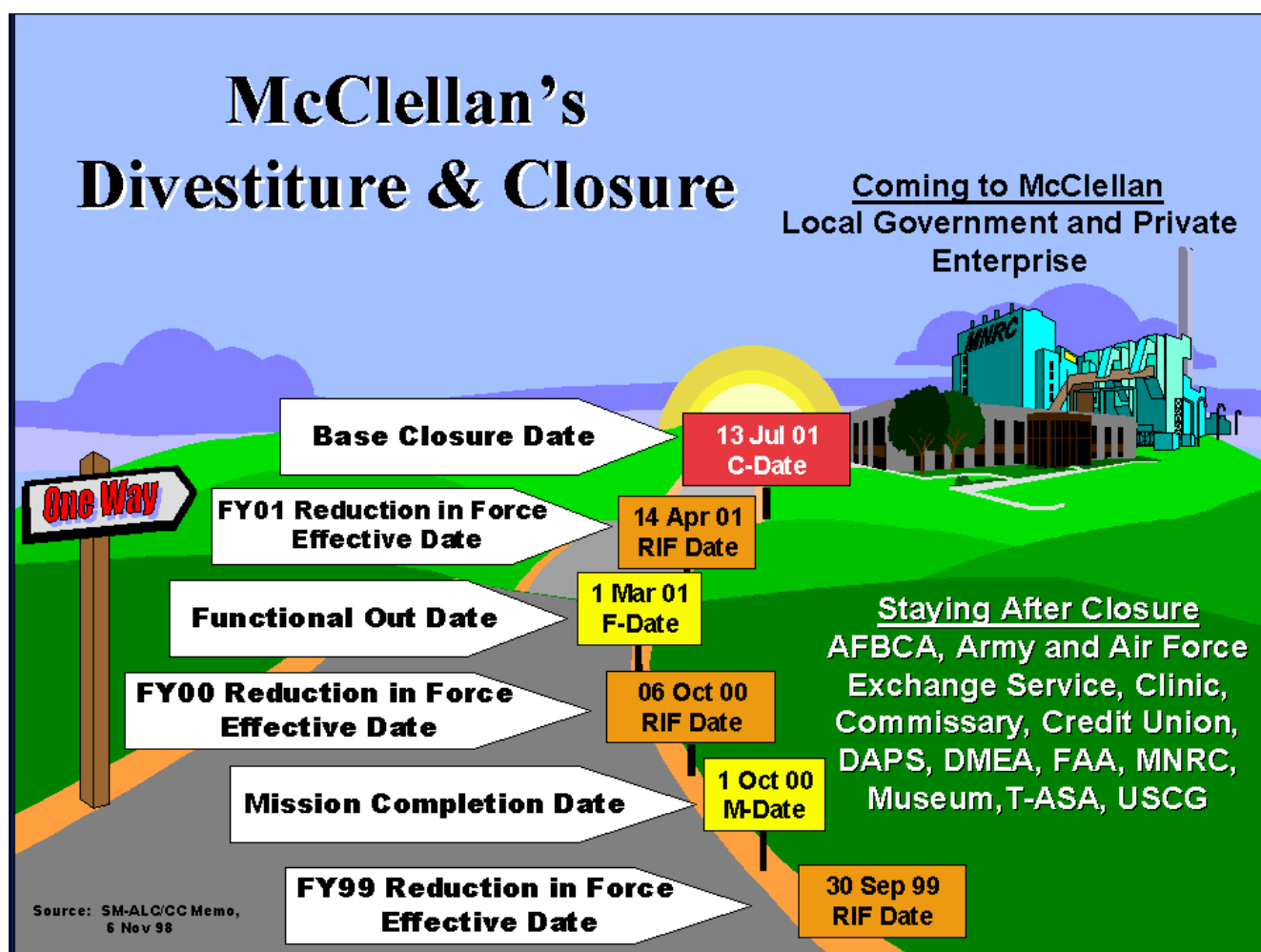
Tenants who are staying on McClellan after closure may feel less impact during these milestones, but some tenants have relied on SM-ALC for support and services that will no longer be provided after Oct. 1, 2000 (completely stopped or at a significantly lesser degree of support) so they will need to adjust.

Currently some of the tenants who plan to stay on McClellan are: Army/Air Force Exchange Services (the BX), the Clinic (eventually under the "ownership" of the Veterans Administration with a Tri-Care outreach program run by Travis Air Force Base Medical Center), the Commissary (both the store and the regional headquarters), SAFE Credit Union, Defense Automated Printing Service, Defense Micro-Electronics Agency, Federal Aviation Agency, McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center, under the "ownership" of University of California at Davis), the McClellan Aviation Museum (under the "ownership" of its foundation), Television - Audio Support Agency (U.S. Army) and the U. S. Coast Guard (Department of Transportation).

The future of McClellan will also include tenants from local and state government, education districts, and private enterprise.

The future tenants can start occupying buildings as quickly as Air Force makes them available, so we may see new "neighbors" even before July 13, 2001.

So many activities! So many changes! In order to survive this constant turmoil, we must be diligent in keeping informed and helping to inform. The future articles on this subject should be of tremendous assistance in this regard.



News

Services offers a variety of activities

Are you looking for a place to play golf at a reasonable price? Are you interested in renting outdoor recreational equipment such as skis, boats, and camping gear?

Are you looking for safe, quality, yet affordable, child care? In need of a convenient place to socialize with friends and enjoy a great meal? Do you want to improve your physical fitness?

If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes", then guess what! These programs and many more are provided to you here at McClellan Air Force Base by your Services Division.

If you want to improve your physical fitness, visit our new and improved Talbot Fitness Center, which is now opened to **ALL** base employees.

Hungry? Visit Club McClellan, the Base Restaurants, Camilla Lanes Bowling Center, and Lawrence Links Golf Course. While at Lawrence Links, enjoy a round of golf at the best course in Northern California. In addition to great meals, Club McClellan is also available for official/private events and functions.

For your outdoor needs, Services Outdoor Adventure offers a wide variety of rental equipment. Also, Information, Tickets and Tours, now located in the lobby of the Base Exchange, offers discounted tickets to many local attractions and theme parks such as Disneyland and Marine World, just to name a few.

For the avid sports fan, the Flashback Sports Bar is the place to be. For your viewing pleasure, Flashback has Direct TV available, making it possible to watch all NFL games each and every Sunday.

Also on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m., Flashback provides free tacos and popcorn to all guests. For Monday Night Football, stop by Club McClellan and participate in Football Frenzy. Here you will enjoy free snacks and have an opportunity to win many great prizes.

Our commitment is to continue to provide the above facilities/programs and much more through closure.

Below is a list of Services activities and their projected closure dates. We are negotiating with the county to continue these operations after closure, but the decision is still pending.

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For more information about Services activities and programs, please call the Services Marketing Department at 643-4822 or visit the Services homepage located at www.mcclellan.af.mil.

Closure Time Line for Services	
Nov. 1	Building 22, Cafeteria
Jan. 1	ITT (AAFES will take-over)
May 1	Camellia Lanes Bowling Center
June 1	Building 600, Cafeteria
Sept. 1	Building 280, Restaurant Youth Center Library Outdoor Recreation Auto Skill Center Lawrence Links Golf Course
Sept. 5	Swimming Pools (Rafferty and Capehart)
Oct. 1	Talbot Fitness Center
Nov. 1, 2000	Lodging "phased" draw down to March 1, 2001
Jan. 1, 2001	Child Development Center Club McClellan Community Center
March 1, 2001	Flashback Sports Bar Lodging
April 1, 2001	Services Division closure complete

CFC Drive kicks off this month

By Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

The 2000 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off here with a ceremony and luncheon 11:30 a.m., Monday at the community center.

The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of Federal employees in the workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

According to McClellan's CFC Chairperson, Lt.Col. Andrea Braboy, the campaign evolved over a period of years.

In the early 1960s, employees were asked to contribute to numer-

ous charitable campaigns throughout the year, so an executive order brought the fund-raising effort under one umbrella — one campaign, once a year.

People who give to the CFC can select from more than 1,300 local, national and international organizations listed in a single guide.

Payroll deductions are encouraged, Braboy said, because it is a simple way to give and allows good things to happen for many people.

To contribute, contact your unit project officer/keyworker or the CFC Loaned Executives at CFC Campaign Headquarters, 643-2778,

643-3066 or 643-1163:

- Capt. Paul Bednarczyk,
- 2nd Lt. Dee Myrick,
- Senior Master Sgt. Paul Sanchez
- Larry Lake
- Linda Tilton
- Robert Holeman
- Carolyn Kelley
- Staff Sgt. Rodney Reed

For luncheon reservations, call 643-1163. Cost is \$9 and includes marinated chicken, vegetables, rolls, coffee and tea. Other events include a golf tournament Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m. at Lawrence Links Golf Course; a walk race Oct. 27; and a bowling tournament Nov. 4.

Red Ribbon campaign-- a powerful symbol

The Red Ribbon Celebration starts with the smallest gesture: a child pinning a Red Ribbon to his shirt, a young girl wearing a Red Ribbon wristband, a classroom planting red tulips, a community hosting a Red Ribbon family event.

Though these acts are simple, the significance is tremendous.

Each Red Ribbon has the potential to reach a boy, a girl, a caring adult or a family in a profound way.

The Red Ribbon is a catalyst and symbol for millions of Americans who show that ribbon by ribbon, neighbor by neighbor, they are united for drug free youth.

Since its beginning in 1986, the Red Ribbon Celebration has touched the lives of more and more people each year. It all began with the brutal murder of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agent assigned to a case in Mexico. Kiki was shockingly

close to uncovering the identities of key members of a Mexican drug cartel. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured and killed just days before he was to identify kingpins of the illegal drug business in Mexico.

Angered by Kiki's death and the destruction caused by drugs and alcohol in America, the young people of Kiki's hometown of Calexico, Calif. began wearing Red Ribbons in honor of the fallen hero.

National Family Partnership and its affiliated organizations soon began to wear Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to fight the illegal use of drugs. Today, a simple piece of Red Ribbon is the symbol for drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention across America.

Annually millions of young people and adults celebrate a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying a Red Ribbon during the Red Ribbon Celebra-

tion. This nationwide celebration has become a major force for raising public awareness and mobilizing communities to combat alcohol and drug use among youth.

The 1999 Red Ribbon theme is **Leading By Example** and slogan **Get Real! Real Drug Free!**

McClellan will observe Red Ribbon Week Oct. 25-29. The observance highlights our efforts to deglamorize and eliminate illegal drug abuse among our active duty, retired, civilian and family member populations.

Military members are authorized to wear Red Ribbons on their uniforms during the campaign week.

The Substance Abuse Program will have exhibits and distribute prevention paraphernalia through organization representatives. If organizations wish to create an exhibit or distribute prevention materials, contact the Substance Abuse Program at 643-3000.

NEWSBRIEFS

Leave request

Hazel Adams, a decorations clerk assigned to the 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, is requesting leave donations. If you want to donate an hour, a day, or a week of annual leave under the provisions of the Leave Transfer Program, contact the Employee Relations Specialist for your organization.

Art, photography contest deadline

The Air Force Artist-Craftsman Contest and Photography Contests are up and running and open to all base personnel and their families. The following categories, with divisions for youth and adults, are featured: Arts and Crafts—Fine art, textile art, industrial art, and crafts/pattern art; Photography—in monochrome or color prints, color transparencies, or digital photography: People, nature/scenic, military life and creative effects. Rules and entry forms are available at the base library and the Youth Center. Entries must be in to the library circulation desk by close of business Wednesday. Winners will be announced and awards of trophies, plaques and certificates presented Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. at an exhibition at the base library. A reception will follow with musical entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. All base personnel and their families are invited. Winners from the base contests will be forwarded to the major command and Air Force competitions. For more information, call the library at 643-4640.

Veterans movie premier tonight

Tom Hanks presents the movie **Return With Honor** tonight 6 p.m. at the Tower Theater, 2508 Land Park Dr. Young Americans recount their history as they became prisoners of a former enemy. It's in documentary style, where the actual survivors recall in painful detail the circumstances of their capture, repeated sessions of torture and interrogation and years of deprivation and existence in isolated prison cells.

For more information, call 372-7470, Ext. 6101.

Holiday ice rink opens Oct. 29

The 1999 Old Navy Downtown Holiday Ice Rink opens Oct. 29 and will have free skate time all day.

The rink is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 442-2500.

It’s that time of year again — Flu shot season is here

Once again, it’s time for flu immunizations. The mandatory vaccinations will be administered to all active duty members beginning Monday through Oct. 22, at the Health and Wellness Center in Rafferty Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Members reporting for their flu shots must bring their shot records with them so the vaccination can be recorded. Be prepared to wait 20 minutes after the shot has been administered.

Retirees and dependents may receive flu shots at the base theater Nov. 12. Children less than 3 years of age must have a physician’s order before receiving the flu vaccine.

Influenza, or the flu, is an active respiratory infection caused by a family of viruses. The illness is characterized by fever, muscle aches, chills, cough, sore throat and general body weakness. The disease is highly contagious, infecting up to 85 percent of susceptible persons exposed to the virus. It’s onset is abrupt and the affected person is usually unable to work. The illness generally runs it’s course in three to five days. Complications from the flu can develop and even cause death. Immu-

nizations do provide a high degree of protection. Without them, the ability to perform the mission could be drastically impaired by a flu outbreak.

Before immunization, major epidemics were common. In fact, in 1918, 20 million people died in a worldwide flu epidemic. To reduce the impact of the flu on military operations, regulations require all active duty military members to be vaccinated against this illness annually. But many people still have reservations about getting their flu shots. The following questions and answers may help explain the importance of these vaccinations while dispelling some common myths.

Q: Do flu shots really work?

A: Yes. Of all the people who receive vaccinations, 86 to 94 percent become immune to the strain of virus they were immunized against.

Q: Why do I have to get a flu shot every year?

A: There are two reasons for annual vaccinations. First, the immunity provided by the flu shot only lasts one to two years. Second, since the types of viruses causing the flu change from year to year, new vaccines must be produced.

Q: I received the flu shot and still got the flu. What happened?

A: Many illnesses have symptoms similar to flu, but are not usually as serious. It is possible you were infected with a strain of flu less common than the ones you were vaccinated against.

Q: I get sick when I get my flu shot. Am I allergic to it?

A: Probably not. The only true allergy associated with flu shots occur if you are allergic to eggs. This allergy must be documented by skintesting to excuse you from taking the shot. Between 5 to 10 percent of people taking the flu shot experiences a day or two of low grade fever and body aches. This is a nonspecific reaction to impurities in the vaccine and can be controlled with aspirin or Tylenol. It’s not an excuse for not getting the shot.

Q: Should I get the flu shot if I’m pregnant?

A: Pregnant personnel are exempt from receiving the flu shot.

For more information, call Technical Sgt. Darryl Rivers at 643-8349. (Article courtesy 77th Medical Group.)

FOCUS Center Jobs

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Foce Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact FOCUS Center #1 at 643-5661. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m Thursdays.

Position: Aviation Management Specialist, GS-2101-12
Annc#: CA-99-105
Close: Nov. 5
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Bureau of Land Management
POC: 978-4460
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Training Technician, GS-1702-07
Annc#: DS-MM-9-0413
Close: Oct. 16
Location: Travis AFB, CA
Agency: Dept of Air Force
POC: (210) 671-1236
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Mail and File Clerk, GS-305-04
Annc#: R503-321-99G
Close: Oct. 18
Location: Placerville, CA
Agency: Forest Service
POC: Nancy Thurlo (530) 621-5230
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Training Instructor, GS-1702-11
Annc#: DE994050
Close: Oct. 17
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Dept of Army
POC: Dana Borreson (608) 388-5156
Remarks: Copies of the job an-

nouncement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-05
Annc#: R517-095-99DEMO
Close:Oct. 18
Location: Grass Valley, CA
Agency: Forest Service
POC: Ann Melton (530) 478-6174
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Secretary, GS-318-06/07
Annc#: SO-338-99
Close: Oct. 18
Location: Davis, CA
Agency: Farm Service Agency
POC: Dorothy Rezac (816) 926-2831
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Position: Consumer Safety Officer, GS-696-05/09
Annc#: FW1096
Close:Dec. 31
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin
POC: Phone: (206) 553-0888
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.First cutoff for applications is Nov. 3.

Position: Concessions Management Specialist, GS-07/09
Annc#: BOR-MP-99-159A

Close: Oct. 20
Location: Lake Berryessa, CA
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

Non Federal
Position: Maintenance Worker I/II
Salary: \$2,026 - \$2,707 per month
Close: Oct. 15
Location: Placerville, CA
Agency: El Dorado County
POC: (530) 621-5566
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for additional information.

Position: Account Clerk II
Salary: \$1,926 - \$2,343 per month
Close:Oct. 22
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of California
POC: (916) 653-1502
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for additional information.

Position: Accountant Trainee
Salary: \$2,665 - \$3,037 per month
Close: Oct. 15
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of California
POC: (916) 324-9094
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for additional information.

Position: Groundskeeper
Salary: \$2,211 - \$2,511 per month
Close: Oct. 22

All Skills Job Fair Oct. 26

The civilian personnel FOCUS Center is sponsoring an All Skills Job Fair Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Center. Many agencies and companies contacted through the summer indicated personnel and funding shortages hindered their participating in the skills specific fairs. Most of those companies now have new budgets and rather than piecemeal the requests, all are invited.

The FOCUS Center anticipates approximately 50 vendors consisting of private companies, City, County and State Offices, and a few federal agencies. The job fair is open to all McClellan employees, civilian and military. For additional information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661. **NOTE: Administrative leave is NOT authorized for this function.**

Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: State of California
POC: (916) 653-9685
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for additional information.

Position: Heavy Truck Driver
Salary: \$2,621 - \$2,877 per month
Close: Oct. 28
Location: Yolo County
Agency: California Highway Patrol
POC: (916) 2535
Remarks: Copies of the job announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact agency for additional information.



Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Dudley Do Right - Friday

Starring: Brendan Fraser and Sarah Jessica Parker

Set in the Canadian Rockies, Dudley Do Right is a hapless young mountie who discovers that the villainous snidely whiplash is planning to swindle all the local citizens out of their land with a fake gold rush scheme and at the same time steal Dudley's ladylove, Nell Fenwick. It's up to Dudley to restore peace in the valley. (Rated PG - mild comic action violence, brief language and innuendo.)

The Astronaut's Wife - Saturday

Starring: Johnny Depp and Charlize Theron

A space mission goes terribly awry and astronaut Spencer Armacost is rushed back to earth and revived. He is later honored as an American hero, but after several puzzling events, is he the same man who went into space or did something happen in space that caused him to change? (Rated R - language, violence and a strong scene of sexuality.)

A Dog of Flanders - Sunday

Starring: Jon Voight and Jason Robards

Nello is a young boy orphaned at birth in the early 19th century. He finds solace, love and companionship from his best friend Aloise and her beloved dog Patrasche. Nello and Patrasche begin a journey that educates Nello about the true value of friendship and teaches the local villagers about compassion, mercy and forgiveness. (Rated PG - one scene of mild violence and mild language.)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-7 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-7 p.m.; snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Moms, Pops, Tots play group, 10-11 a.m.; TaeBo aerobics, 7-8 p.m., age 11 and up, free.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, gym, snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; Skate Night, 6:30-9 p.m., ages 13-16, \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers, members only from 6:30-7 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 7 p.m.; snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

Suicide – The Aftermath

On Sept. 29, more than 400 people retired from McClellan Air Force Base and more than 100 others were involuntarily separated. These changes create a variety of emotions, from elation to depression. Rest assured there is life after McClellan.

We are very lucky to have many resources available to help each of us make a successful transition into our future lives and workplaces.

Sometimes during these changing times we get so focused on ourselves and our own issues we may forget our friends or co-workers. If we were to lose a co-worker what would we do? I'd think back and ask myself: Did I miss a sign? Could I have gotten him help?

Sure the individual was quiet, but then he was always quiet. He had personal issues, but then again most people have personal issues they deal with daily. He gave away some personal belongings, but we are in changing times and a lot of people are giving things away. He took some sick leave, but most people have taken some sick leave.

Had things been different would we have seen the red flags?

If I weren't so focused on my own issues, could I have heard the warning bells? I do not have the answer to any of these questions. I do know, however, that the death of this individual has affected everyone he

TRICARE Prime saves money

A recent change in the TRICARE Program will save many TRICARE Prime beneficiaries money. Now, TRICARE Prime office visit copayment includes most lab and x-ray visits!

Lab and x-ray or "ancillary" services previously had a separate copayment if they were done on a different day than your doctor's visit or done outside your doctor's office. But now, the copayment for most lab and x-ray services has been eliminated. Only the office visit copayment will apply for Prime members, even if your referred lab or x-ray work is done on a different day than your doctor's visit. As always, TRICARE Prime referral and authorization guidelines apply.

In addition, TRICARE Prime members continue to pay only one copayment per emergency room visit.

Prime members have the lowest care costs of all three TRICARE options. TRICARE Standard and Extra users are required to pay a 15-25 percent cost-share for lab, x-ray and emergency room services.

For more information, visit your local TRICARE Service Center or Beneficiary Service Office or call (800) 242-6788. (Article provide by 77th Medical Group.)

knew.

His children no longer have a father.

Family, friends and co-workers have all experienced a great loss that they will always carry with them. There is a general sadness that prevails when you talk about the incident. Someone recently said, "suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem." I am here to tell you that suicide is never the answer.

Change is certain and difficult, but we all will learn and grow from our experiences. Learning to deal with change may be one of the most important personal characteristics anyone can develop. Those who help others deal with change are exceptional individuals that truly understand that those are the actions that create leaders.

During our transition, some people will need more support than others. Everyone needs to have the most current information available and be aware of the resources available for them to accomplish a successful transition.

It must be every supervisor's objective to work toward a successful career transition for each of their employees.

Closing McClellan is not going to be the end of the world but a window of opportunity for us each to pursue our life's passion. If you or anyone you know needs help, please make a phone call or contact some-



one. Your being there and caring could make a difference.

On McClellan we have several services available to help us cope with change and transition successfully. Some of these fine resources include:

Organizational Health Center, 643-5374; Employee Assistance Program 643-0061, 24 hours and off-site appointments, 1-800-523-5668; Mental Health, 643-8308; Health and Wellness Center, 643-4648; Community Support Center, 643-1106; Substance Abuse Control Program, 643-3000; FOCUS Center, 643-5661; Priority Placement, 643-2065; Central Skills Bank Information, 643-2783; Sacramento Employment and Training Agency - Job Retraining, 263-4654; and Clergy, 643-6021. (Article provide by Organizational Health Center.)

Trunk or Treat!

The 1999 Trunk or Treat festivities will be held Oct. 29 in the Base Chapel parking lot from 4-5:30 p.m. All organizations on base are welcome to participate by providing a decorated vehicle with personnel to man the event.

Prizes will be awarded by an impartial judging panel for the top three most innovative and creatively decorated display. The prizes are donated by the Community Support Center as well as treats for the children.

This annual event is open to all active duty family members, children of military and all civilian personnel on base. This is your opportunity for everyone to dress up in costume, or not, to enjoy a safe Halloween with good treats.

Come join the Community Support Center for lots of fun.



What's in the Doyle home? How did it get there?

2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman
Chief, Internal Information

A resident of the Heather Glen subdivision in Antelope, Calif., has been trying to find the source of strange chemicals seeping into her home. Her search for answers has generated a controversy in which McClellan Air Force Base has found itself embroiled.

Judy Doyle, the woman at the heart of the storm, claims that chemicals surfacing in her home are the result of pollution caused by chemical dumping at some point before the subdivision was constructed. In an article appearing in the Oct. 7 edition of the Sacramento News and Review, Doyle claimed the land her home is built on was once owned by the U.S. Air Force. Research done by the 77th Civil Engineer Group at McClellan following two Freedom of Information Requests from Doyle in 1998 showed the land she lives on was not owned by the Air Force.

“Air Force records indicate that the land on which Capehart housing and the Lawrence Links golf course sit was in part purchased by and do-

nated to the Air Force between 1958 and 1967,” said Maj. Robert Gonzales, Director of Public Affairs for McClellan.

According to Paul Brunner, director of environmental management for McClellan Air Force Base, “The Heather Glen subdivision was not part of those acquisitions. In addition, our extensive research has not found any documents indicating the base owned or used the Heather Glen area as a landfill or dump site.”

Despite the Air Force’s statements that it did not own the property in the past, rumors and speculations have continued to fly about the origin of the chemicals. One such rumor has it that an aircraft crashed on the site releasing jet fuel. According to the Air Force Historical Research Office at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., a WB-29 did crash more than a mile west of Antelope on April 5, 1952 at 9:15 p.m. The aircraft exploded and burned upon impact killing all 10 aircrew members aboard. However, the accident did not occur near the contaminated area in the Heather Glen subdivision.



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy McClellan History Office

Pictured above, a view of Capehart Housing taken in the early 1960's. The farm field in the foreground is now Lawrence Links golf course and the Heather Glen housing development.

In an attempt to determine the nature of the chemicals in her home, Doyle commissioned an analysis of the substances and submitted the findings to the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Officials at McClellan also received a copy of the analysis results.

“After we had a chance to look over the results, I spoke with a senior research chemist at Chevron in Richmond, California, about the findings,” said Dave Green, Pollution Prevention Division Chief at McClellan. “According to her, the chemicals are not what you would find in jet fuel.”

Elizabeth Harvey, a senior research chemist with Chevron added, “I’ve looked over the list of chemical constituents from the home in question, and the reported compounds are inconsistent with jet fuel.” These compounds are more consistent with motor oil and diesel fuel, she added.

But the question remains, what is in the Doyle home and where did it come from?

“The records we have now go back as far as the mid 1950s,” said Gonzales. “How those chemicals got in her home is a real mystery, but records clearly show the Air Force

didn’t own the property the Doyle home sits on. However, based on our commitment to being good neighbors we want to provide as much information as possible. We’ve begun a title search through a local title company which will provide much more detailed information about the ownership history of the property. That search will be complete within a matter of weeks. Through these extra efforts, we hope to help Mrs. Doyle solve the mystery about where these chemicals may have come from.”

The Sacramento County Environmental Management Division is working with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to investigate the pollutants and to determine if there are any health risks to the Doyles or their neighbors, including both the Heather Glen area as well as the Capehart housing area of McClellan.

“As soon as the county and state investigations are completed, we will make every effort to keep the base population informed of the findings,” said Gonzales. “We are eager to unravel this mystery and assess what risks, if any, these pollutants might pose to our personnel as well. We look forward to receiving the results of the state and county investigations.”



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy McClellan History Office

Pictured above: The first several houses at Capehart housing are completed in a photo dated April 1959. McClellan can be seen at the top of the photo. The fields immediately south of Capehart are today the site of the Lawrence Links golf course and the Heather Glen subdivision. The California Environmental Protection Agency and the County of Sacramento are investigating the source of chemicals seeping into their home.

New deployed DPP plan announced

DALLAS (AFPN) — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has established a new Deferred Payment Plan policy for deployed service members.

Deployment is defined as any travel by a service member to an overseas location in conjunction with a Joint Chiefs of Staff deployment order. The travel period must be for at least 90 days.

Deployed service members will benefit from a reduced interest rate of 6 percent on their current DPP balance and all purchases made during the deployment period. No payments will be required for deployed account holders. Interest on their account will revert to the normal rate on the balance

and new purchases when the deployment end date or 90 days is reached.

If customers elect to not use their accounts during the deployment, they can receive no interest for the duration of the deployment. Customers who prefer not to use their account and receive the additional benefit of no interest must contact AAFES. Otherwise, the interest will be reduced to 6 percent and the charge privileges remain intact.

If a service member’s account has an overdue status when AAFES is notified of his or her deployment, the account will be re-aged so that it will not go into collections.

If the account is in collection status at the time of deployment, no charge purchases will be permitted

until the customer cures the delinquency.

The status of customers currently deployed will remain unchanged. However, if a deployed account holder would like to convert to the new policy, they may do so by contacting the HQ Exchange Credit Program Service Center.

Unit commanders or their representatives will provide a deployment listing by mail to: AAFES-HQ, P.O. Box 650739, Dallas, TX 75265-0739; by fax to: (214) 312-4326 or DSN 967-4326; or by e-mail to: deployment@aafes.com

For more information, service members can check with their local exchange general manager’s office.

Closure corner
FACILITIES VACATE PROCESS
INFORMATION:
Walk-through brief
First Tuesday every month,
2:30 p.m., Bldg. 200, Room 129,
FM Conference Room
Project officer
Jan Miller, CLC, 643-3286, Ext. 234
General Information
Walk-through POCs meet at Bldg. 35
at 9:30 a.m. Facilities vacate
checklist

Oct. 31
Bldg. 263 B - Autodin Switching
Center
Nov. 15
Bldg. 353 - Snack Bar
Bldg.704 - Honor Guard
Bldg. 783 A - Snack Bar
Jan. 15
Bldg. 1430 - Fitness Plus section of
Rafferty Hall

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work days
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